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### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend **Paragraph [0033]** as indicated below:

--The fibers are more preferably fibrillated cellulose fibers, such as described in Australian Patent No. AU 515151 and Applicant's copending application entitled FIBER CEMENT COMPOSITE MATERIALS USING SIZED CELLULOSE FIBERS [~~Attorney~~ ~~Docket No. HARD1-017A~~], Serial No.: 969742, filed October 2, 2001, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference. This application also describes other materials that can be used for the binder, filler or aggregate and additives, as well as various methods that may be employed in fabricating the article.--